

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(24)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

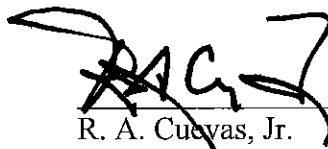
**DATE:** July 14, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami and its efforts to improve education and mentorship opportunities for the at-risk children and youth who will be served by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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7-14-15

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF BIG  
BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI AND ITS  
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AT-RISK CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH WHO WILL BE SERVED BY THE BIG BROTHERS  
BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI CARNIVAL  
MENTORING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami is a non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen, develop, and secure our community's future by matching vulnerable at-risk children and youth with committed mentors who invest time, thought, and resources in improving the future for the children and youth participating in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the relationship between an at-risk child and a committed adult mentor touches more than just two lives—it creates a better future for Miami-Dade County as a whole by strengthening our local community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, independent research shows that children and youth in the program achieve measurably improved outcomes, such as educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami is seeking to embark on a new project, the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence, located at 550 N.W. LeJeune Road in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence is expected to have a positive impact on the educational and career paths for the children and youth in the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence promotes accessibility for patrons and increased use from area residents, giving Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami the ability to serve the 900 children and youth on its current waiting list; and

**WHEREAS**, the greater capacity of the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence will increase the number of vulnerable, at-risk children and youth being served by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami from 2,100 to 5,000 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Community Survey, in 2013 the 5-year average poverty rate for the Census Tract where the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence is located was 21.5 percent, and the 5-year average ratio of the median household income was 59.1 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of the children and youth served by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami are minorities, and 68 percent live in single-parent households; and

**WHEREAS**, 83 percent of the children and youth served by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami live in households with an income at or below the poverty level; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence will likely have a positive impact on the lives of the children and youth that reside in the area surrounding the center by providing greater opportunities for mentorship, access to educational and technological resources, and an ability to achieve career goals and aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to support the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami and its efforts to improve education and mentorship opportunities for the children and youth residing in the area surrounding the Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Supports the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami and its efforts to improve education and mentorship opportunities for the at-risk children and youth who will be served by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami Carnival Mentoring Center of Excellence.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the President and the Chair and members of the Board of Directors of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



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